**Consumer fora in Gujarat**

3855. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Gujarat has represented for one time grant for creating consumer fora in the new districts;

(b) if so, whether Government have agreed to provide the grant; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD): (a) to (c) In the meeting of the Central Consumer Protection Council held on 8.11.2000, the representative of the Government of Gujarat requested that financial assistance of Rs. 120 lacs be released for the setting up of District Forums in six newly created districts in Gujarat. However, it has not been possible to meet the request as at present there is no approved scheme for the purpose.

**Auctions of rotten foodgrains**

†3856. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 354 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 16th August, 2001 and state:

(a) the places where the rotten foodgrains have been disposed of by auctions and the number of people that participated in such auctions;

(b) the official value of 502.138 tonne wheat, 16.75 tonne flour and 460.95 tonne rice and the amount recovered through auctions for these items; and

(c) whether such foodgrains are still lying in godowns?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Merger of NTH with BIS**

3857. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for merger of National Test House with Bureau of Indian Standards;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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†. Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.